



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### WORLD TRADE DAY

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is a leader in the global economy and international trade. Georgia ranks as the 11th largest exporting state and the 7th largest importing state; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's strong international presence in strategic markets, including Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Europe, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Ireland, enables the state to establish and maintain a strong presence in global trade; and
- WHEREAS: In 2016, total trade between Georgia and the world exceeded \$121.7 billion and exports exceeded \$35.5 billion; and
- WHEREAS: The World Trade Center Atlanta promotes international trade and investment by supporting Georgia's businesses as they expand into new global markets. The Trade Center hosts networking events for community businesses and facilitates the development of strategic alliances between domestic and foreign companies, significantly contributing to Georgia's economic growth; and
- WHEREAS: Inspired by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1935 observance of the benefits of global trade and investment, we recognize World Trade Day to encourage the innovation and international expansion of Georgia's businesses; and
- WHEREAS: World Trade Day in Georgia provides opportunities for business professionals to gain knowledge and a better understanding of the global economy by engaging in networking and global business exchange activities; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2017, as WORLD TRADE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF